



# THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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## CARROLL BRUNTHAVER RETURNS TO PRIVATE SECTOR

Carroll Brunthaver has returned to the private sector after five years with the Department, the last 1½ of which he was Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs. Carroll, a well-known figure to agricultural attaches from his world travels, had joined the Department in 1968 as associate administrator of ASCS after a career in Cook Corporation.

He will be conducting research on the international grain reserve and other agricultural questions at the Brookings Institution.

No successor for the Assistant Secretary has been named.

## REORGANIZATION APPROVED

Secretary Butz has approved a new organizational structure of the international agencies in USDA, bringing FAS, EMS and IOS into a new Foreign Agricultural Service. Administrator David Hume has issued a memo to all employees in the new FAS, including those in the field, detailing the new organizational structure.

Administrator Hume and key staff are now at work assigning various personnel to positions in the new FAS.

## WAYNE W. SHARP SELECTED FOR EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Wayne W. Sharp, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Commodity Programs, and former agricultural attache to Guatemala, has been selected to participate in the newly created Federal Executive Development Program, sponsored by the White House's Office of Management and Budget.

The program is a special year-long series of formal training and executive assignments designed to prepare the participants for executive assignments. Wayne is one of 25 Federal employees, and the only one from the Department of Agriculture, to be selected for this program after competing with a field of several thousand applicants.

A native of San Angelo, Texas, Wayne graduated from Texas A&M in 1962 with a B.S. degree in range management. He continued his education at Texas A&M and received an M.S. degree in agricultural economics in 1964. While pursuing his master's degree, he received a Meritorious Research Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association for his master's thesis. In 1968 he was awarded his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Michigan State University.

Wayne worked briefly for USDA in 1965 as an agricultural economist for ERS, before enrolling as a Ph.D. candidate at Michigan State. After completing his doctorate, he returned to USDA in 1968, this time as an agricultural economist in FAS's Livestock and Meat Products Division. In 1970 he was named ag attache to Guatemala. He was awarded an FAS Certificate of Merit in 1972 for outstanding performance of attache duties. He returned from his post to assume duties as Deputy Assistant Administrator in September 1972.

Wayne will begin initial training at the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia, in early March.



## NEW EDITOR FOR FAS LETTER

As promised, the FAS Letter will again be showing up on a regular basis. This issue was produced by our new editor, Susan McCullough. Susan, a 1973 graduate of American University, is a native of eastern Pennsylvania. She worked as a writer-editor in the Forest Service before joining FAS at the beginning of the year.

Susan will be working on the FAS Letter full time, and, in order to meet a projected bi-monthly schedule, will need contributions and pictures from the field. Send them to Susan McCullough, FAS Letter Editor, Foreign Information Division, Rm. 5944-South, FAS, Washington.

Keep those cards and letters coming!



Munich . . . .



London . . . .



Brussels . . . .



Paris . . . .

## SECRETARY BUTZ IN EUROPE

In our last issue, we wrote about Secretary Butz's visit to Europe during the FAO Conference in Rome. During that visit, he stopped off in several major European cities, and visited our Attaches and their staffs there.

This issue we have photos of that visit to share with you.

Above, **Bill Rodman**, Ag Attache in London, escorts the Secretary from the airport during the London visit.

Top left, Bonn Ag Attache **Turner Oyloe**, left Secretary and Mrs. Butz greet **Edward W. Doherty**, Consul General in Stat's Munich office, during the Secretary's stopover in that city. While in Munich, the Secretary spoke to the World Soy Protein Conference.

Center left, Mrs. Butz chats with Attache **Ernie Koenig**, of the USEC Brussels office, prior to departure.

Lower left, Ag Attache **Ken Ogren** assists Secretary and Mrs. Butz into a waiting car in Paris. While in Paris, the Secretary spoke to the ministers from the OECD countries.

Upon his return, Secretary Butz sent a letter of appreciation expressing his pleasure at the fine work done by all the attaches during his tour.



## FAS EEO COMMITTEE REVIEWS PROGRAMS

FAS's Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee has celebrated a year of achievement and is setting new goals for the present year.

Among the achievements of 1973 were the selection of a new Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor, Edwin Kissel; and the extension of FAS recruiting to minority groups. Special projects included studies of underemployed FAS'ers and of why overseas secretaries leave FAS.

Since its founding in April 1970, the EEO Committee has been meeting regularly every month to discuss these and other employment opportunities and problems in FAS. These meetings, chaired by EEO Coordinator M. Gill Piquette, cover topics ranging from improved communications to professional job opportunities to better employer-employee relations. Members of the Committee serve for at least one year, with the exception of the Coordinator of the 16-Point Program for the Spanish-surnamed, who is a permanent member.

Pictured with the Committee members is FAS Administrator David Hume, at a reception held by him November 14th. Left to right: Emanuel McNeil, Grain and Feed Division; M. Gill Piquette, EEO and Federal Women's Program Coordinator; Howard Watkins, Management Services Division; Jeanette Littlejohn, Budget and Finance Division; Administrator Hume; Dorothy Whitehead, Management Services and FAS representative to the USDA EEO Committee; Franklin Lee, Fruit and Vegetable Division; Patricia Gary, Fruit and Vegetable; and Bruce Baker, Fats and Oils Division. Missing from the photograph is 16-Point Coordinator Isabel Acosta Smith, Foreign Information Division.

## HANS HIRSCH NAMED ATTACHE TO OECD, PARIS

Hans Hirsch, an analyst in the Foreign Demand and Competition Division of ERS, has been appointed agricultural attache to OECD, Paris. He succeeds George Parks, who was serving in Paris on temporary duty.

Hans, a native German who became an American citizen in 1943, has served in the Federal Government for 23 years, all but two of which were spent in USDA. In addition to his ERS experience, he has worked with ASCS, AMS, Production and Marketing Administration, and Farm Credit Administration.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Hans received his B.S. in 1941, his M.S. 1942, and was awarded his Ph.D. in 1947, also from Minnesota.

Hans and his wife Helen, arrived in Paris in mid-January.



# ROAMING AROUND

Dublin attache **Steve Stephanides** and his wife came home not only for the holidays but to attend their son's wedding on January 5.

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**Harry Bryan**, attache in Lisbon, took a quick, post-Christmas vacation to Algarve and Seville before returning to post the day after New Year's.

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**Ted Horschak**, assistant attache in Monrovia, encountered unexpected medical problems that necessitated his evacuation to Wiesbaden, Germany for treatment. He has returned to Washington for further treatment. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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Our list of holiday travelers includes Beirut attache **Shack Pitcher** and family. They made a holiday visit to Cairo.

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And Ankara attache **Bill Davis** and family planned to travel in Europe to celebrate their holiday.

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When the American Ambassador in Zambia needs a report on that country's agriculture, he knows just whom to call. **Ted Freeman**, ag attache in Nairobi, Kenya, heeded the call and went to Lusaka to file that report for the Ambassador. Ted is being accredited to Zambia on a formal basis.

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**Inez Jarvis**, former secretary to Near East and Africa Officer **Rado Kinzhuber** in FAS/W, has recently assumed new duties as secretary in Lagos, Nigeria. Inez arrived at her new post in mid-November after spending a few days with **Jenny Keeler**, new secretary in **Nick Thuroczy's** office in Geneva. Inez reports that she is very happy in her assignment. She replaced **Katherine Moore**, who returned to Washington. However, Katherine plans to go back to Lagos on February 13 to begin preparations for her wedding to **Bill Merchant**, who works in Security. Bill and Katherine plan an April wedding, and will return to the States sometime in May, when his tour of duty in Lagos is completed.

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**Garth Thorburn**, attache in Brasilia, made a trip to New York and to Florida recently to visit his father and brother, both of whom have been ill. While in the States, Garth stopped off at USDA for a few days. His wife Doris reports that their poodle is still racking up blue ribbons.

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Our man in Santo Domingo, **Bob Fouchs**, took some time out from Hispanola to spend the holidays in Mexico City.

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After two months of temporary duty in Taipei, **Frank Waddle** returned to Washington for consultations. He didn't stay away from Taiwan long, though—in January Frank and his family returned to Taipei, this time on a permanent basis.

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**Fred Lege, III** attache in Canberra, Australia, had a very special holiday season in 1973. He married the former **Geneva C. Fitzhagen** in Texas, after which the new couple returned to Canberra.

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**Guy Haviland** and his family got away from it all over the holidays by closing shop temporarily in Bangkok and hot-footing it over to Singapore.

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**Jose Serrano** recently joined the staff at the attache post in Quito, Ecuador as an agricultural assistant. He replaces **Damian Miranda**.

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In Bangkok, agricultural specialist **Panida Jongputistri** became the latest addition to the post staff, replacing **Bhornchai Kunalai**. Bhornchai is enjoying retirement, after over 20 years as an economist on our staff in Bangkok.

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**Dale Douglas**, attache in Tel Aviv, paid an official week-long visit to Cyprus.

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Assistant attache in London **Glenn Whiteman** and his wife Anna celebrated the New Year by welcoming a new arrival into the family. Young Louis Glenn was born January 7.

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**Bruno Julien**, local economist at our post in Paris, spent two weeks at FAS/W for orientation. He came to the U.S. as interpreter for a French Co-operators Feed Compounds Group.

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Our local agricultural specialist in Oslo, **Bjorn LeBorg**, recently spent a few days in Copenhagen conferring with ag attache **Fred Traeger** on market development.

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**Mollie Iler**, secretary in London, will be coming back to Washington in early March to work in FAS/W. **Sally Fagan**, secretary to Assistant Administrator **William Horbaly**, will be filling in temporarily.

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**Elenor Kaniecki**, Secretary in Tokyo, came back to FAS/W in early February to work as personnel management specialist in charge of the international secretaries' program. Elenor replaces **Teresa Horney**, who has taken a position with the Department of the Army in Pennsylvania.

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**Lucille Sargent**, secretary in Moscow, recently spent a month in Utah at home with her family.

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**Brownie Brown**, secretary to ag attache **Shack Pitcher** in Beirut, recently made two short weekend trips to two very different areas of Lebanon. During Christmas weekend, Brownie journeyed to the cedars of Lebanon, where she stayed in a chalet, and watched the skiers. New Year's weekend found Brownie in Byblos soaking up the sunshine and boating on the Mediterranean.

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**John Jacobs**, assistant attache in Mexico, and family headed north for the holiday season. They went to Tennessee to help John's parents celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

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**Ann Armentrout**, a long-time secretary both in the field and in FAS/W, was married December 12th to Paul Sameth. Ann is presently working in ARS's International Programs Division in Hyattsville. She and Paul live in Columbia, Maryland.

Our list of holiday travelers grows even larger. **John McDonald**, ag attache in Guatemala City, came back to the States to visit his daughter, and while in Washington found some time to visit friends in FAS.

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"**Berk**" **Beukenkamp**, attache in Rome, came back to the States with his wife to spend Christmas and New Year's with family and friends in New York and Tennessee. Before returning to post, Berk stopped off at USDA for consultations. The Beukenkamps returned to Rome January 9.

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Another traveler to the States during the holiday season was **Frank Piason**, assistant attache in Rome. Frank stopped off in FAS/W after his visit with family and friends in New Jersey.

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**Jim and Mary Rudbeck** report they are very happy with Jim's new assignment as ag attache in Costa Rica. They have acquired a Costa Rican spaniel named Tica, and have been doing a lot of mountain driving—in spite of the fuel shortage!—as well as keeping up with the agricultural situation in both Costa Rica and Panama.

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**Roger Neetz**, former assistant attache in Bonn, has assumed new duties as attache in Moscow. He succeeds Stan Brown, who has returned to FAS/W for reassignment. Roger and his wife Vicki arrived in Moscow in mid-January.

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**Patty Shannon**, former editor of the FAS Letter and now secretary in Jim Hickman's office in Belgrade, spent the holiday season in London, and reports having had a fine time.

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## Around Washington

The first of the year brought news of a number of retirements from FAS, including some well-known figures in the attache service.

**George Parks**, recently returned from assignment as acting ag attache at OECD Paris, retired on January 4. He has served 36 years with the Department of Agriculture. Present plans for George include staying in the Washington area, and doing "a lot of relaxing."

George began his USDA career as an economist/statistician after graduating from Oklahoma A&M in 1937. He held various positions in the Commodity Stabilization Service, including Deputy Director of Fats and Oils, before coming to FAS in 1956.

At FAS, George served as Director of Fats and Oils, and as Deputy Assistant Administrator of Market Development before being named agricultural attache to The Hague, Netherlands in 1960. In 1964, he returned to FAS/W and served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Commodity Programs until 1968, when he was named agricultural attache to Germany. Since the completion of his tour in Bonn, George filled in temporarily at the OECD Paris post after Gordon Fraser returned to FAS/Washington.

A luncheon was held for George on January 8 at the Naval Officer's Club, Washington Navy Yard.



**Ford Milam**, another familiar figure in the attache service, has also retired. Ford, whose last assignment was in Livestock and Meat Products Division, is returning to overseas duty with a new assignment as European Director for the U.S. Feedgrains Council, with offices in Rotterdam.

Ford served in FAS for over 23 years, and spent 14 years in the attache service. Overseas assignments included Portugal (1967-1972), Brazil (1959-1964), Liberia (1955-59), and Ghana (1955). In addition, Ford served on special assignments for FAS in India, Israel and El Salvador.

In his new position, Ford will assume responsibility for the Council's market development and trade servicing programs in Western Europe, as well as the initiation of an active program in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.



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**Ruth Griffin**, reports clerk in Management Services Division, retired January 2. Ruth logged 23 years of government service. She began her career in the Department of the Treasury, and worked in the Department of Commerce before coming to FAS in 1969.

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**Sabra Francis**, secretary in Management Services Division, retired December 28 after over 25 years of government service. She had previously worked in Trade Projects Division, and in various other government agencies. Future plans include traveling and camping throughout the United States with her husband.





**Stan Mehr**, Fats and Oils Division Director, also decided to retire, and as of January 18 could be found tending to his flower business in suburban Virginia. Stan had over 30 years of service in USDA, and had been in FAS since 1948.

Before he became F&O Director, he was chief of the Commodity Analysis Branch there, and had served in Fruit and Vegetables as Foreign Competition Branch chief.

He now plans to devote full attention to his burgeoning flower business in McLean.



After 27 years of government service, **Art Rollefson**, Chief of Dairy and Poultry Division's Commodity Analysis Branch and long-time ag attache, retired December 31st. Plans currently include staying in the area, "taking it easy" and enjoying the change from the 8:30 to 5 routine.

Art came to USDA in 1945 after a brief stint in the Office of Emergency Management. He served with P&MA and AMS until 1955, when he joined FAS and was named assistant agricultural attache to Tokyo. After his first assignment overseas, Art was ag attache in Burma (1959-1961) and in Copenhagen (1965-1970).

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**Cerelda Davis**, head of the statistical services staff in Livestock and Meat Products Division, retired December 31st, after 37 years of Government service, all but six of which were spent with USDA.

Cerelda came to USDA in 1943 as a junior clerk in BAE's Statistical and Historical Research Branch. She worked as a statistical clerk and assistant in various USDA agencies before coming to FAS's Livestock and Meat Products Division in 1966.

To Cerelda, and all the others, we wish an enjoyable retirement.

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**Dottie Jacobs**, statistical assistant in Fats and Oils Division, and her husband Ronald are now the proud parents of a 5 pound 9 ounce baby boy. The new arrival, Anthony Lamont, was born January 9.

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Retired FAS information specialist **Quincy Ewing** and his wife Veeder have returned from Mississippi and are now living in the Washington area with their son, daughter-in-law and new grandson. Quincy and Veeder would enjoy hearing from their old friends in the Attache Service. The address is 24531 Etchison Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20760; phone is 301/253-4471.





FAS computer programmer **Bertha Jackson** was awarded a Certificate of Merit and a \$225 check for suggesting that a newly developed computer be used for handling the direct mailing of agricultural inquiries. The citation, presented by FAS Administrator **David Hume**, stated that her suggestion "revolutionized" the handling of such inquiries, "resulting in considerable savings in economy to the Government."

Bertha also received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Washington Chapter of the Association of Records Executives and Administrators. The Association also presented awards to **Helen Patridge**, FAS Management, and **Jerry Shelden**, Market Development. Both were members of a 1971 team assigned to automating the direct mailing of the inquiries.



Happy  
St. Patrick's Day

## ATTACHE RECORD HOLDERS SHARE 163 YEARS OVERSEAS DUTY

Did you know that the ten people who have served the longest as ag attaches have been in the field for a combined total of 163 years?

These and other startling facts come to light when one starts inquiring—as did this newcomer to FAS—about FAS attaches who have been around long enough to call FAS home, wherever they may be.

The jet-set record holders, all of whom have served in the field for fifteen years or more, include: Doug Crawford, ag attache in Caracas; Tim Engebretson, now European Area Officer; Bill Hatch, ag attache in Pretoria, South Africa; Harold Koeller, now with Grain and Feed Division; John Montel, now Director of Trade Operations Division; Paul Ferree, ag attache in Lima; Norman Pettipaw, now Foreign Marketing Branch Chief, Grain and Feed Division; Bill Rodman, ag attache in London; Garth Thorburn, ag attache in Brasilia; Steve Stephanides, ag attache in Dublin; and Carl Winberg, ag attache in Dacca, Bangladesh.

Behind the numbers and the names are some stories of interesting—and at times harrowing—assignments. Steve Stephanides garnered a USDA Distinguished Service Honor Award for "representation of U.S. agricultural interests in the Congo under difficult and hazardous conditions" in May of 1961. Paul Ferree also logged some time in what is now Zaire during the '64 uprisings. All of the ten have received awards, citations, and/or significant special assignments.

Next on the list: finding out which secretaries make the overseas honor list: If you have 10 or more years service, drop in a line for the next issue, and tell us about some of your experiences abroad.

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